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DEPARTMENT ALSO PASS AID AND ACDA

(5) THE TOTAL DEFENSE CONCEPT OF SWEDISH SOCIETY RELIES PRIMARILY ON THE STRENGTH OF ITS MILITARY DEFENSE. THE SWEDISH MILITARY FORCE, ALONG WITH OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE TOTAL DEFENSE CONCEPT, IS ADEQUATE TO MAINTAIN THE CREDIBILITY THAT IT WILL NOT BE WORTHWHILE FOR A POTENTIAL AGGRESSOR TO INITIATE AN ATTACK ON SWEDEN. THUS, THE SWEDISH MILITARY CAPABILITY PROVIDES STABILITY IN THE NORDIC AREA.

(6) THE DEFENSE EXPENDITURE IS COSTLY TO THE SWEDES AND IS ABOUT 3.1 PERCENT OF GNP AND 9.5 PERCENT OF THE BUDGET. MILITARY IMPORTS ARE LESS THAN 1 PERCENT OF TOTAL IMPORTS. THE SWEDISH ECONOMY, THOUGH PRESENTLY STRAINED BY PRODUCTION COSTS AND INFLATION, IS BASICALLY STRONG. THE MAINTENANCE OF A RELATIVELY EXPENSIVE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT IS WELL WITHIN SWEDISH ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CAPABILITIES.

(7) THROUGH (9) SEE REFERENCE (B).

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(10) THE SALE OF AMERICAN COMPONENTS TO THE SWEDISH DEFENSE INDUSTRY HAS A STABILIZING EFFECT ON REGIONAL SECURITY. GIVEN THE EXTENSIVE SOVIET BUILD UP ON THE KOLA PENINSULA IN RECENT YEARS, THE MAINTENANCE OF A STRONG SWEDISH DEFENSE ASSUMES ADDED

IMPORTANCE AS A CONTRIBUTION TO SECURITY. THE ACQUISITION OF U.S. COMPONENTS DOES NOT REPRESENT THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW CAPABILITIES INTO THE REGION.

(11) SWEDEN'S RECORD IN THE PROTECTION OF ITS CITIZENS' HUMAN RIGHTS IS EXEMPLARY. THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT AND ITS CITIZENRY ALL ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM REGARD PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS A FUNDAMENTAL ASPECT OF SWEDISH SOCIETY. SWEDEN MAINTAINS AN ORDERLY DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL SYSTEM IN WHICH ALL FUNDAMENTAL POLITICAL FREEDOMS AND HUMAN RIGHTS ARE CONSTITUTIONALLY GUARANTEED. INDEED, SWEDEN MAINTAINS A PROMINENT POSITION IN THE INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO EXPAND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AROUND THE GLOBE.

(12) NOT APPLICABLE.

(13). NOT APPLICABLE.

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